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**DIRECTION:** Each of the following sentences contains a single error in grammar and usage or no error at all. The error, if there is one, is underlined and lettered. If the sentence contains an error, choose the underlined part that must be changed. If the sentence is correct as it stands, select choice E.

1. In warm weather, aphids on a healthy host plant  
A  
are able to produce 50 offspring in a single week.  
B C D  
each of them will be mature only one week later.

No error.  
E

2. The breathy, smooth sound of flutes and pipes  
give them a magical, haunting quality; perhaps this  
A B  
sound underlies such legends as the Pied Piper of  
C  
Hamelin, who is said to have enchanted all the  
D  
children in a town. No error.  
E

3. In an amazing coincidence, the discovery of gold  
A  
in California occurred just nine days before Mexico  
and the United States signed the treaty of Guadalupe  
B  
Hidalgo, whereby California became part of the  
C D  
United States. No error.  
E

4. Manuel has made a thorough study of museum  
A  
Web sites on the Internet, and no one is more  
B C  
conversant with this subject than him. No error.  
D E

5. Controversy continues to rage over the identities  
A B  
of those to who Shakespeare wrote his love sonnets.  
C D  
No error.  
E

6. Many a novelist, including George Orwell and  
A  
Isak Dinesen, have published his or her work under  
B C

a pseudonym; in real life, for example, George  
D  
Orwell was Eric Blair, while Isak Dinesen.  
was Karen Blixen. No error.  
E

7. Among all water sports, Will's three favorites  
A B  
are surfing, water-skiing, and to go canoeing.  
C D  
No error.  
E

8. Most respondents in the opinion poll indicates  
A B  
that they would support a tax increase, provided  
C  
that the city government will earmark the  
D  
additional funds for the school improvements.  
No error  
E

9. Neither Ruth nor Tovah could find their tickets  
A B  
to the concert, so both stayed at home that  
C D  
evening. No error.  
E

10. Making a good violin is a challenging task, the  
A  
right materials must be carefully selected, and  
B  
months of shaping and finishing are required.  
C D

No error.  
E

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| 1.  | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) |
| 2.  | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) |
| 3.  | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) |
| 4.  | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) |
| 5.  | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) |
| 6.  | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) |
| 7.  | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) |
| 8.  | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) |
| 9.  | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) |
| 10. | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) |